

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 were pending in the application. By way of this amendment, dependent claim 13 has been added to further define the invention, and is supported, e.g., in paragraph [0043] of the present specification.

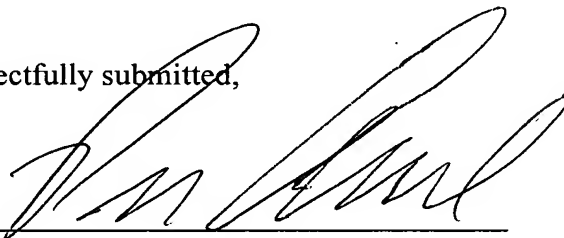
Applicants hereby elect the claims of Group I, claims 1-9 and 12, drawn to an apparatus of a power steering system, for prosecution in the subject application. New claim 13 should also fall into Group I and therefore examined with the elected claims 1-9 and 12.

Upon allowance of the elected claims, Applicants will be permitted to request rejoinder in accordance with MPEP 821.04 and *In re Ochiai*, 71 F.3d 1565 (Fed. Cir. 1995) of method claims 10 and 11, as appropriate.

Receipt of an Office Action on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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